war disabled and attributable peace-time casualties. A stipend of Rs. 400/- per month is paid to each eligible ward. Financial assistance for construction of houses and marriage of daughters is given to war widows, war disabled and attributable peace-time casualties by State Governments and the Kendriya Sainik Board.

Ex-servicemen and their widows, who are in penury, are given financial assistance by the Kendriya Sainik Board, the Defence Minister's Appellate Committee and the Rajya Sainik Boards through their welfare funds. Grants are also given for special medical treatment. The Kendirya Sainik Board also gives grants to paraplegic homes, Cheshire Homes and other charitable institutions to cater for expenditure incurred on ex-servicemen inmates.

E.T.V. programmes on Doordarshan

1374 CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan telecasts some programmes on Channel-I from 9.00 a.m. onwards under the caption "E T V in Telugu and E T V. in Hindi, ETV in Marathi and E T V in Gujarathi,

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and to which listeners are they meant;

(c) whether the said programmes could be viewed from Delhi Centre; and

(d) if not, from which T V Centres they could be viewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) (a) to (d) The Educational TV (ETV) programmes are in the nature of non-formal education aimed at primary school children and also for the guidance/training of primary school teachers The duration of the programme, in each language, is 45 minutes The programmes are telecast via ARABSAT/ STATIONAR in Telugu and Marathi from Hyderabad Kendra in Andhra Pradesh and Bombay Kendra in Maharashtra respectively.

The programmes in Oriya for Orissa, Gujarati for Gujarat and Hindi (meant for the three district clusters of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar) are relayed by all TV Relay transmitters in the respective States and Hindi speaking States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryara, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, via INSAT-ID. These programmes are telecast between 0900 Hours and 1245 Hours every day, on time sharing mode from all High Power/Low Power transmitters in the respective State and are not viewed in Delhi.

Non payment of salaries to employees of National Council for safety in mines, Dhanbad

1375. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of the National Council for Safety in Mines, Dhanbad (Bihar) have not got their salaries for the past four months;

(b) whether the Labour Ministry is responsible for providing remuneration to the staff of National Council for Safety in Mines Dhanbad,

(c) whether it is also a fact that as against its annual expenditure of about Rs 25 lakhs, the National Council for Safety in Mines is getting a paltry sum of Rs 5 lakhs only from Government;

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to ensure regular payment of salaries to the staff of National Council for Safety in Mines and also to pay them their unpaid salaries;

(e) whether an expert committee set up in 1985 by the Central Government recommended strengthening of the National Council for Safety in Mine's network through expansion; and